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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): THE ROY CLARK
SHOW

1. PAN AM MOSCOW REPORTS THE ELEVEN PIECES
DELAYED IN NEW YORK ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED LONDON AND WERE
DELIVERED TO BRITISH AIRWAYS FOR TRANSFER SIX HOURS PRIOR TO
DEPARTURE SU 312 ON JANUARY NINETEEN. HOURS LATER IN RESPONSE TO
PAN AM MOSCOW CABLES ABOUT NON-RECEIPT HERE, PAN AM LONDON
LOCATED CARGO STILL WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS WHICH HAD APPARENTLY
LOST IT IN INTERVENING PERIOD. PAN AM RESCHEDULED CARGO
ABOARD SU 244, JANUARY TWENTY.

2. ELEVEN PIECES HAVE ARRIVED MOSCOW AND ARE BEING TRANS-
SHIPPED TO RIGA BY NEXT PLANE, BUT CANNOT ARRIVE UNTIL
MID-DAY JANUARY TWENTY-ONE AFTER OPENING CONCERT.

3. GROUP HAS BORROWED DRUMS AND HAS IMPROVISED AMPLIFIERS
TO COVER PARTIALLY NON-DELIVERY OF EQUIPMENT AND WILL
PERFORM PREMIER JANUARY TWENTY.

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4. GEIS REPORTS CLARK ARRIVED RIGA AND THAT ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD HEALTH.

5. SECOND CONSECUTIVE OFF-LOADING OF EQUIPMENT FOR U.S. OFFICIAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUP THIS SEASON COMES AT SENSITIVE PERIOD IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOSKONTSERT AND UNDERMINES OUR BASIS FROM WHICH TO CRITICIZE THEIR POOR PERFORMANCE IN SUPPORTING AMERICAN PAGs. GOSKONTSERT IN FACT HAS DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS IN RECENT ST. PAUL INCIDENT AND THIS ONE, AND HAS EXPENDED MANY DOZENS OF MAN-HOURS BEYOND CONTRACT PROVISIONS. BURDEN PLACED ON EMBASSY RESOURCES BY NON-ARRIVAL OF INSTRUMENTS IS EXCESSIVE IN VIEW OF OTHER PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS CURRENT SECRETARY'S VISIT. COMPLETE FAILURE OF AMERICAN GROUPS TO MEET CONTRACT PROVISIONS IN ST. PAUL AND ROY CLARK CASES HAS BEEN AVOIDED ONLY BY EXTREME MEASURES AND CONSIDERABLE LUCK. IN VIEW OF HIGH RISK THAT PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS' PROPERTIES WILL BE OFF-LOADED BY PAN AM UNDER PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS. EMBASSY IS NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION TO SIGN FURTHER PAG CONTRACTS COMMITTING US TO SPECIFIED PERFORMANCES UNLESS DEPARTMENT CAN OBTAIN WRITTEN TRANSPORT CONTRACT, WITH PENALTY CLAUSE, FROM AIRLINE.
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